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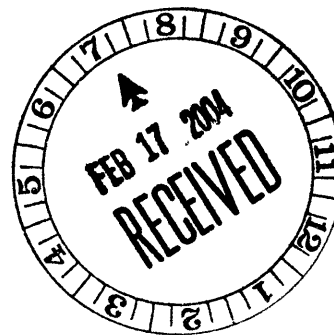
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Enclosed is a response from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks regarding the South Hutchinson, KS abandonment, AB-6 (Sub-No. 406X).

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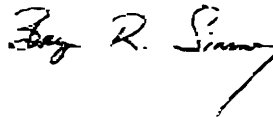
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We have re-reviewed preliminary plans comments directed toward the railway abandonment by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company involving 2.88 miles between Milepost 0.62 and 3.50 in South Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas.

We have no further comments based upon this action taken by BNSF, we do appreciate your attentiveness towards our environmental issues. Our prior review letter dated 2 September of 2003 addressed our minor concerns associated with this project.

Sincerely,



Bryan R. Simmons, Aquatic / Terrestrial Ecologist  
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